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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the present application.

As respectfully submitted above, independent claims 1 and 12 have been amended to clarify the language so as to indicate that the light is converted into electrical energy and control signals. It is respectfully submitted, as now amended, claims 1-19 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject which the Applicants regard as their invention, thereby meeting the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Therefore, as now amended and in view of the Examiner's Remarks in the Office Action dated April 30, 2004, claims 1-19 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Accordingly, in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the present rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Also, an early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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